

My dear Mrs Chapman,

I shall venture to send you this trifling contribution for the Bazaar, although it seems much in contrast with the more generous donations of last year; therefore I would first beg you should not measure my interest in this noble cause as by value received, or judge that interest trifling since the fruits thereof seem comparatively meagre:—

Being conscious of an increasing zeal, I find myself most tedious on the subject, & am full of regret that in this busy world of ours, I have found time insufficient for the accomplishment of the fancy work I had promised myself; among other articles I had thought to furnish you with some of those bronze tie needle-books which last year seemed so desirable; for the future pray be hopeful

Since I can anticipate a little, & not
allow myself to become thus cheated!!—

If these articles may find a place
upon your table, yet in case should they
produce silver need, they may with
others be finally scattered towards the
healing of the nation, & I shall only
be too happy to have contributed my
mite in the great work to be done.

I do not anticipate being in town
during the fair, else should offer my
services at the tables, for the pleasure
of again meeting the Anti-Slavery
friends would in itself have sufficient
charm to attract me. Last year for the
first time I understood the pleasure
of breathing a purely anti-slavery
atmosphere. One half hour spent in
Mrs Follen's society, listening to her voice
so musically pleading in behalf of the
unfortunates of our land, and one
glimpse of her sweet earnest face so
inspired me with the truth that as
I read, I may feel upon it still —

Mr. Phillips is also my friend, and I
have more gratitude for him in all he
has done for me than I can ever express.
— having removed all difficulties for
me as often as they presented them-
selves in this Slavery question, rejoicing
more so much in this broad, full light
of truth, I am still asking more,
not for myself, but for the people in this
vicinity —

I believe, & indeed in my
humble judgment I know he could
do much good; and as in time past
he has half promised to come, I shall
venture to write him at this time,
hoping to secure an appointment
for this winter — Will you please do me
the favor to forward this note to him?

And ever with my most
sincere good wishes for your entire
success in the sale for the present
year, believe me "though absent in the body"
yet spiritually present, of your number
Susan W. Hayward
Weybridge Dec. 13th / 54 —

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